

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE TRIMBLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

To the People of Kentucky
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Trimble County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 1998, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trimble County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the <u>Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits</u> issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Trimble County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky. Consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. The cash basis accounting system does not require an entity to maintain a general fixed asset group or a general long-term debt group of accounts. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Trimble County, Kentucky, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, in conformity with the cash basis of accounting described above.

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Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Trimble County, Kentucky, taken as a whole. The information provided on the accompanying schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Comment and Recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following area of noncompliance:

• The County Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Pledge Additional Securities Of \$307,943 As Collateral And Entered Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated July 30, 1999, on our consideration of Trimble County, Kentucky's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, and internal control over financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - July 30, 1999

TRIMBLE COUNTY OFFICIALS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Jack F. Couch County Judge/Executive

Bobby K. True County Attorney

Jerry L. Powell County Clerk

June Ginn Circuit Court Clerk

Dennis Long Sheriff
Keith Harmon Jailer

Glen Perkinson Property Valuation Administrator

Bernice Liter County Treasurer

William Ransdell Coroner

Norvel Barnes Magistrate

Orville Smith Magistrate

Paul Poe Magistrate

Forrest Burkhardt Magistrate

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

June 30, 1998

Assets
1100000

General Fund:	
Cash	\$ 363,847
Investments	2,028,695
Road and Bridge Fund:	
Cash	403,249
Investments	152,328
Jail Fund:	
Cash	8,710
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund:	
Cash	10,703
Revolving Account:	
Cash	 994
Total Assets	\$ 2,968,526
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Revolving Account	\$ 994
Fund Balances	
TT 1	
Unreserved:	2 202 5 42
General Fund	2,392,542
Road and Bridge Fund	555,577
Jail Fund	8,710
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	 10,703
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,968,526



STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

TRIMBLE COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS. CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Tot		a			d and		
Cash Receipts	(M On	emorandum ly)	Fu		Brio Fun	•	Jail	Fund
Schedule of Operating Revenue Transfers In	\$	1,519,268 237,393	\$	766,368	\$	713,792	\$	30,261 123,293
Total Cash Receipts	\$	1,756,661	\$	766,368	\$	713,792	\$	153,554
Cash Disbursements								
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures Transfers Out	\$	1,352,901 237,393	\$	500,629 237,393	\$	594,046	\$	145,433
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	1,590,294	\$	738,022	\$	594,046	\$	145,433
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements Cash Balance - July 1, 1997*	\$	166,367 2,801,165	\$	28,346 2,364,196	\$	119,746 435,831	\$	8,121 589
Cash Balance - June 30, 1998*	\$	2,967,532	\$	2,392,542	\$	555,577	\$	8,710

^{*} Cash Balance Includes Investments

TRIMBLE COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Eco	ernment nomic istance
\$	8,847 114,100
\$	122,947
\$	112,793
\$	112,793
\$	10,154 549
\$	10,703

TRIMBLE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Trimble County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Based upon the application of the criteria stated in GASB 14, there are no component units which merit consideration as part of the reporting entity.

B. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The government uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements were prepared on a cash basis of accounting pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 68.210 as recommended by the State Local Finance Officer. Consequently, certain revenues and related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. The cash basis accounting system does not require an entity to maintain a general fixed asset group or a general long-term debt group of accounts.

D. Legal Compliance - Budget

The Trimble County budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting and laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer. The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in bank accounts, and investments are stated at cost. Investments may include certificates of deposit on the financial statements; however, for the purpose of disclosing credit risk (Note 3), investments exclude certificates of deposit.

TRIMBLE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 1998
(Continued)

Note 1. (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments (Continued)

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system which covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 8.65 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report.

Note 3. Deposits

The county maintains deposits with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to law, the depository institution should pledge sufficient securities as collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge of securities should be evidenced by an agreement that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. This agreement, signed by both parties, must be sufficient to create an enforceable and perfected security interest in the collateral under Kentucky law. As of June 30, 1998, the uncollateralized amount on deposit was \$307,943. The pledged securities and FDIC insurance did not equal or exceed the amount on deposit. In addition, the county did not have a written agreement with the depository institution.

TRIMBLE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Note 3. Deposits (Continued)

The county's deposits are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the county as of June 30, 1998:

	Bank	Balance
Collateralized with securities held by pledging depository institution in the county's name	\$	685,000
Uncollateralized and Uninsured		307,943
Total	\$	992,943

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

TRIMBLE COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Bud	geted	Actu	ıal	Ove	r
	Ope	rating	Ope	rating	(Uno	ler)
Budgeted Funds	Reve	enue	Rev	enue	Bud	get
Canada Frank	¢	£12 100	ď	766.269	¢	254.250
General Fund	\$	512,109	\$	766,368	\$	254,259
Road and Bridge Fund		610,936		713,792		102,856
Jail Fund		155,299		30,261		(125,038)
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		116,100		8,847		(107,253)
Total	\$	1,394,444	\$	1,519,268	\$	124,824
Reconciliation						
Total Budgeted Operating Revenue Above					\$	1,394,444
Add: Budgeted Prior Year Surplus						76,928
Total Operating Budget Per Comparative Schedule						
Of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures					\$	1,471,372





TRIMBLE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Tota (Me Onl	morandum	Ger Fun		Roa Brio Fun	•	Jail l	Fund
Revenue From Local Taxes and Excess Fees								
Sheriff:								
Taxes	\$	203,001	\$	203,001	\$		\$	
Excess Fees - 1997		12,140		12,140				
County Clerk:								
Deed Transfer Tax		12,295		12,295				
Occupational Licenses		14		14				
Delinquent Taxes		501		501				
Excess Fees - 1997		1,713		1,713				
Tangible Personal Property Taxes:								
Other Counties		6,792		6,792				
County Clerk		27,813		27,813				
Totals	\$	264,269	\$	264,269	\$	0	\$	0
Federal Receipts - State Treasurer								
Disaster and Emergency Assistance								
Grant - Coordinator Salary	\$	745	\$	745	\$		\$	
Disaster and Emergency Assistance								
Grant - 1997 Flood Relief		41,596				41,596		
Totals	\$	42,341	\$	745	\$	41,596	\$	0
Kentucky State Treasurer								
Tremburer								
Jail:								
Allotments	\$	24,000	\$		\$		\$	24,000
Medical Allotments		1,806						1,806
Driving Under The Influence Fees		1,431						1,431
Court Costs, Jail Operation		3,024						3,024
County Road Aid		480,196				480,196		
Truck License Distribution		151,651				151,651		
Courthouse Rental - Administrative								
Office of the Courts		27,817		27,817				

TRIMBLE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Local
Government
Economic
Assistance
Fund

\$

\$ 0

\$

\$ 0

\$

TRIMBLE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

		tals emorandum ly)	Ger Fun		Roa Bric Fun	•	Jail l	Fund
Kentucky State Treasurer (Continued)								
Refunds:								
Legal Process Tax	\$	57	\$	57	\$		\$	
Drivers Licenses	_	429	•		•	429	,	
Dog Licenses		27		27				
Severance Taxes:								
Mineral		3,476						
Board of Assessments		150		150				
Grants:								
Disaster and Emergency Assistance Grant - Coordinator Salary Disaster and Emergency		255		255				
Assistance Grant -								
1997 Flood Relief		55,390		37,354		18,036		
Totals	_\$	749,709	\$	65,660	\$	650,312	\$	30,261
Miscellaneous Revenue								
Interest Licenses and Permits:	\$	158,026	\$	137,301	\$	20,396	\$	
Landfill License Fee		271,477		271,477				
Waste Hauler Permits		13,875		13,875				
Sand and Gravel Sales		5,000						
Home Health Rent		9,000		9,000		1 100		
Miscellaneous Items		5,571		4,041		1,488	· 	
Totals	_\$_	462,949	\$	435,694	\$	21,884	\$	0
Total Operating Revenue	\$	1,519,268	\$	766,368	\$	713,792	\$	30,261

TRIMBLE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Local

Government

Economic

Assistance

Fund

\$

3,476

\$	3,476
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\$ 329

5,000

42

\$ 5,371

\$ 8,847



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

TRIMBLE COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Final Budget		Budgete Expend		Under (Over) Budget	
GENERAL FUND						
General Government						
Office of County Judge/Executive: Salaries- County Judge/Executive Deputy County Judge/Executive	\$	48,660 18,078	\$	48,660 18,078	\$	
Office Materials and Supplies Travel		2,592 3,600		2,592 1,946		1,654
Office of County Attorney: Salaries-						
County Attorney Office Rent		13,488 2,400		13,488 2,400		
Office of County Clerk:						
Fees Office Materials and Supplies		3,827 8,396		3,827 8,108		288
Office of Sheriff: Salaries-						
Deputies Temporary/Part-Time Help Fees		11,434 9,000 500		11,434 8,687		313 500
Bond Materials and Supplies		102 3,186		102 3,010		176
Office of County Coroner: Salaries-						
County Coroner Deputy Coroner		4,735 1,579		4,735 1,579		
Fiscal Court:						
Magistrates- Salaries Fiscal Court Clerk Salary		31,021 1,648		30,194 1,648		827

(Under
	Final	Budgeted	(Over)
	Budget	Expenditures	Budget

	Final Budget		Budgete Expend		(Over) Budget	
GENERAL FUND (Continued)	<u> </u>			100105		
General Government (Continued)						
Office of Property Valuation Administrator:						
Statutory Contribution	\$	6,899	\$	6,899	\$	
Office of Board of Assessment Appeals:						
Per Diem		300		300		
Office of County Treasurer:						
Salaries-						
County Treasurer		6,559		6,559		
County Law Library:						
Law Librarian Salary		600		600		
Elections:						
Per Diem-						
Election Commissioners		2,000		1,845		155
Election Officers		4,040		3,968		72
Polling Places		330		300		30
Printing		4,880		4,880		
Miscellaneous Expense		3,000		1,191		1,809
Courthouse:						
Salaries-						
Janitor		11,588		11,588		
Utilities		20,939		20,798		141
Repairs		4,500		4,484		16
Materials and Supplies		6,000		4,963		1,037
Miscellaneous		4,080		4,080		
Protection to Persons and Property						
County Fire Department:						
Contributions		18,063		18,063		
Reimbursement		973		973		

(Continued)

	Final		Budge		Under (Over)	
GENERAL FUND (Continued)	Budget		Expend	unures	Budget	
Protection to Persons and Property (Continued)						
Disaster and Emergency Services: Salaries-						
Director Dispatch Service	\$	2,626 49,361	\$	2,626 49,361	\$	
Forestry Fire Protection:		1,200		1,034		166
Kentucky State Treasurer		1,200		1,034		100
Office of Public Defender:						
Contribution		761		761		
General Health and Sanitation						
Dog Control:						
Salaries		4,148		4,104		44
Miscellaneous		3,500		2,249		1,251
Sanitary Landfill:						
Salaries		28,313		28,313		
Solid Waste Implementation		170		170		
Water Department:						
Contributions		36,481		36,380		101
Recreation and Culture						
Parks:						
Salaries		6,650		6,650		

(Continued)	Final Budget	t	Budg Expe	eted nditures	Under (Over) Budget	
GENERAL FUND (Continued)						
<u>Administration</u>						
General Services:						
Advertising	\$	1,800	\$	1,390	\$	410
Audit Services		11,138		11,138		
Insurance		15,008		15,008		
Memberships		5,708		5,708		
Contingent Appropriations:						
Reserve for Transfers		896				896
Fringe Benefits:						
County Contributions-						
Social Security		27,223		27,223		-
Retirement		29,500		29,236		264
Health Insurance		22,500		21,434		1,066
Worker's Compensation		5,128		5,128		
Unemployment Insurance		1,000		737		263
Total General Fund	\$	512,108	\$	500,629	\$	11,479
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND						
General Government						
Fiscal Court:						
Magistrates-						
Salaries	\$	17,346	\$	16,884	\$	462
Roads						
Road Maintenance:						
Salaries-						
Road Foreman		17,089		11,507		5,582
Road Labor		98,392		95,423		2,969

	Final		D., 4~	مده ما	Under	
	Budge	f	Budge	etea nditures	(Over) Budget	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND (Continued)	Duage	<u> </u>	LAPCI	iditures	Duaget	
Roads (Continued)						
Road Maintenance: (Continued)						
Asphalt	\$	300,000	\$	271,255	\$	28,745
Culverts and Bridges		46,883		17,693		29,190
Crushed Stone and Gravel		51,542		51,542		
Gasoline		15,000		9,469		5,531
Machinery and Equipment-						
Repairs		30,000		25,275		4,725
New Road Machinery		18,153		18,153		
Utilities		3,500		3,287		213
Other Materials and Supplies		19,616		19,616		
Miscellaneous		1,199		1,197		2
Administration						
General Services:						
Audit Services		5,431		1,722		3,709
Insurance		18,000		14,079		3,921
Contingent Appropriations:						
Reserve for Budget Transfers		120				120
Fringe Benefits:						
County Contributions-						
Retirement		10,069		10,069		
Social Security		9,024		9,024		
Health Insurance		15,000		12,364		2,636
Worker's Compensation		10,500		5,128		5,372
Unemployment Insurance		1,000		359		641
Total Road and Bridge Fund	\$	687,864	\$	594,046	\$	93,818

(Continued)	Final		Budgeted		Under (Over)	
	Budget		Expen	ditures	Budget	
JAIL FUND						
Protection to Persons and Property						
Office of Jailer:						
Personnel Services-						
Salaries-						
Jailer	\$	15,633	\$	15,633	\$	
Jail Personnel		14,710		14,710		
Association Dues		100		50		50
Staff Training		152				152
Operations-						
Communications Equipment		400		320		80
Routine Medical		16,538		16,538		
Staff Uniforms		100				100
Staff Travel		1,146		1,146		
Telephone		550		513		37
Equipment Repair		662		662		
Housing Prisoners - Other Counties		86,132		86,132		
Miscellaneous Operating Expense		100				100
Juvenile Detention:						
Contract With Outside Agencies		4,900		4,900		
Administration						
Contingent Appropriations:						
Reserve for Budget Transfers		9,077				9,077
Fringe Benefits:						
County Contributions-						
Retirement		2,700		2,625		75
Social Security		2,400		2,204		196
Total Jail Fund	\$	155,300	\$	145,433	\$	9,867

TRIMBLE COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

	Final Budge	t	geted enditures	Under (Over) Budget	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND					
General Government					
Office of Coroner: Autopsies	\$	877	\$ 877	\$	
General Health and Sanitation					
Soil and Water Conservation: Contributions		2,500	2,500		
Social Services					
Senior Citizens: Contributions		3,600	3,600		
Recreation and Culture					
Parks: Supplies Repairs Utilities Miscellaneous		2,000 101,704 3,500 1,000	1,243 101,704 2,828 41		757 672 959
Administration					
Contingent Appropriations: Reserve for Budget Transfers		919			919
Total Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	\$	116,100	\$ 112,793	\$	3,307
TOTAL BUDGET - ALL FUNDS	\$	1,471,372	\$ 1,352,901	\$	118,471



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Trimble County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated July 30, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Trimble County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Trimble County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An
Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
(Continued)

This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report, upon release by the Auditor of Public Accounts, is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - July 30, 1999

COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

TRIMBLE COUNTY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

NONCOMPLIANCES

The County Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Pledge Additional Securities Of \$307,943 As Collateral And Entered Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

The county's deposits were not adequately secured by \$307,943 as of June 30, 1998. Under provisions of KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), banks are required to provide pledges of securities for interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing deposits if either exceeds the \$100,000 amount of insurance coverage provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The county should require the depository institution to pledge sufficient securities as collateral to insure deposits at all times. We also recommend the county enter into a written agreement with the depository institution. This agreement, signed by both parties, must be sufficient to create an enforceable and perfected security interest in the collateral under Kentucky law. According to federal law, 12 U.S.C.A. § 1823(e), this agreement should be (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Former Management's Response:

I am providing the July 1998 Pledge Inventory Report for the purpose of the FY 97-98 Trimble County Audit.

In June of 1998, I asked the President of the Farmers Bank of Milton to increase our Pledge of Securities. An additional \$305,000 was pledged effective July 10, 1998 as the July 1998 Pledge Inventory reflects. I ask that this be mentioned in the Audit Report for the Trimble County FY 97-98 Audit. This amount with the existing pledged amount coupled with the FDIC coverage adequately secured all Trimble County Funds.

Current Management's Response:

County Attorney is currently working with local banks to secure sufficient securities.



CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TRIMBLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TRIMBLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

The Trimble County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name

Former County Judge/Executive

Name

County Treasurer